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SUBJ: CASTRO MOVES ON BINATIONAL EMIGRATION, BUT STONEWALLS
ON AFRICA

1. DURING COURSE OF NINE HOUR MEETING WITH CODEL SOLARZ (CONGRESSMAN
STEPHEN SLARZ, D-NY AND CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY BEILENSON,
D-CALIFORNIA), JUNE 12, FIDEL CASTRO SAID FOLLOWING (SEPTEL FOLLOWS
WITH DETAILS:

--IF HE RECEIVES A LIST (WHICH USINT WILL AGAIN SEND TO MINREX),
CASTRO WILL "PROCEED WITH EFFORT TO FACILITATE DEPARTURE" OF
480 US-CUBAN DUAL NATIONALS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES (TOTAL
ABOUT 1600 PEOPLE);

--HE CANNOT MOVE NOW ON AMCIT POLITICAL PRISONERS, BECAUSE SUCH
A MOVE WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN CURRENT POLITICAL CONTEXT;

--HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, BUT HE IS SKEP-
TICAL THAT PRESIDENT WANTS TO MEET WITH HIM NOW;

--HE IS EXTREMELY IRRITATED BY PUBLIC US ACCUSATIONS ON ZAIRE
AFFAIR ("COMING OUT OF BRZEZINSKI'S OFFICE"), ESPECIALLY
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AFTER USG IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS THANKED HIM
FOR HIS STATEMENTS TO LYLE LANE AND HAD STATED THAT CUBANS
WERE NOT INVOLVED;

--CUBANS WERE NOT INVOLVED, EVEN CASUALLY, IN SHABA INCURSION
WHICH CASTRO HAD SOUGHT TO TURN OFF;

--HE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENTS ON MILITARY NON-INVOLVEMENT IN ERITREA AND RHODESIA, EVEN THOUGH HE WOULD PREFER POLITICAL SOLUTION IN BOTH CASES.

--HE CLAIMS THERE ARE NO CUBAN COMBAT TROOPS IN ERITREA;

--HE IS NOT TERRIBLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE OF US-CUBAN RELATIONS.

2. NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS INFORMATION BY CODEL. ATTENTION MAY FOCUS ON COMMUNICATIONS FROM USG TO CASTRO IN PERIOD MAY 18-19, EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH INFORMATION RECEIVED. CASTRO READ JOURNALISTS TEXT OF US MAY 19 MESSAGE.
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